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STATEMENT AND WRITTEN CONSENT OF ASSIGNEE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b)

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

The undersigned, John Weresh declares that he is the Associate General Counsel

of Microsoft Corporation and that he is authorized to execute this statement on behalf of Microsoft Corporation, a corporation of the State of Washington having a place of business at One Microsoft Way, Redmond, WA 98052.; and that Microsoft Corporation is the Assignee of the entire interest of the above-identified application, as shown by the Assignment filed in the United States Patent Office on December 29, 2003 at Reel No.014835 Frame No. 0735.

The undersigned has reviewed the assignment documents and to the best of his knowledge and belief title is in the Microsoft Corporation.

Microsoft Corporation agrees to the change of inventorship set forth in the accompanying request that adds Okechukwu Echeruo as a joint inventor of the above-identified patent application.

Signed at Redmond, Washington, this day of March

MICROSOFT CORPORATION

John Weresh

Associate General Counsel